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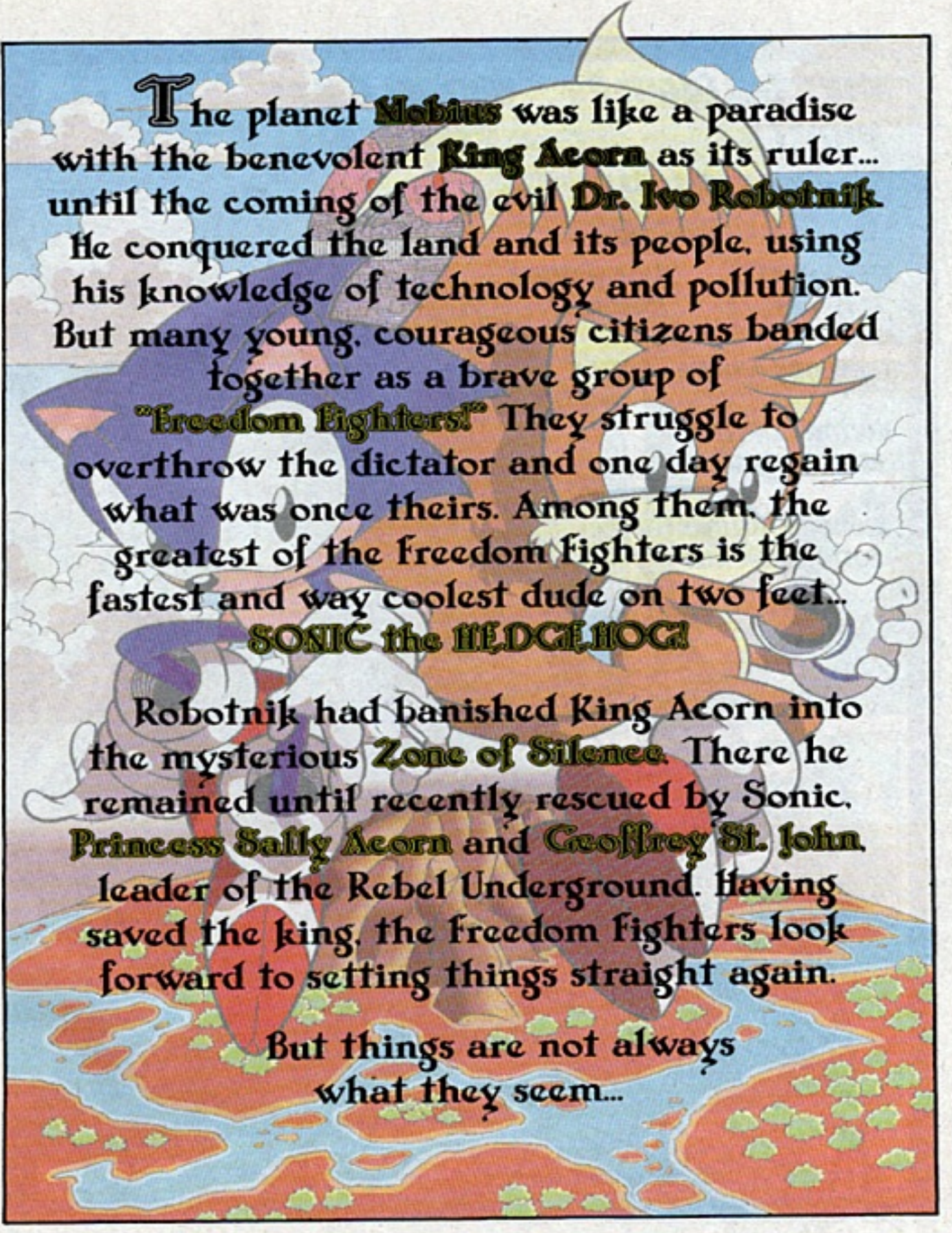
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THE DEATH EGG SAGA

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The planet **Mobius** was like a paradise with the benevolent **King Acorn** as its ruler... until the coming of the evil **Dr. Ivo Robotnik**. He conquered the land and its people, using his knowledge of technology and pollution. But many young, courageous citizens banded together as a brave group of "**Freedom Fighters!**" They struggle to overthrow the dictator and one day regain what was once theirs. Among them, the greatest of the Freedom Fighters is the fastest and way coolest dude on two feet...
SONIC the HEDGEHOG!

Robotnik had banished King Acorn into the mysterious **Zone of Silence**. There he remained until recently rescued by Sonic, **Princess Sally Acorn** and **Geoffrey St. John**, leader of the Rebel Underground. Having saved the king, the Freedom Fighters look forward to setting things straight again.

But things are not always
what they seem...

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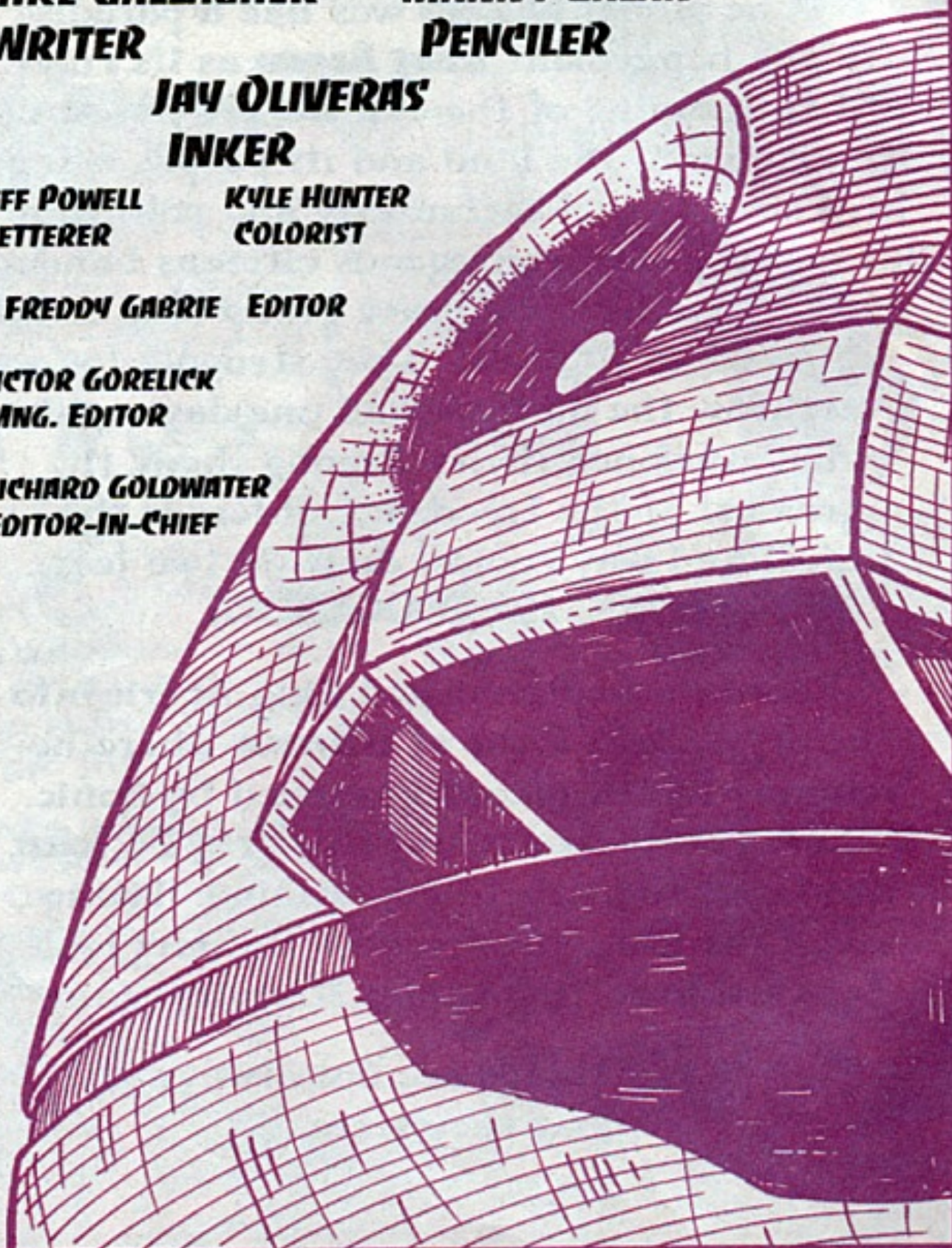
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DAWN BREAKS QUIETLY OVER THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE, HOME OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS OF MOBIUS.

ONLY A FAINT RUSTLING OF LEAVES INTERRUPTS THE MORNING CALM.

SLOWLY, A PAIR OF EYES APPEARS WITHIN THE BUSHES.

EVER SO CAUTIOUSLY, A FACE EMERGES FROM THE FOLIAGE.

GEOFFREY ST. JOHN, THE RENEGADE SKUNK, LUNGES FORWARD AND MAKES A BEELINE FOR A NEARBY HUT, CONFIDENT THAT HE HASN'T BEEN SEEN.

WRONG...

ZROOSH

SONIC
THE
HEDGEHOG™

GOING
SOMEWHERE
UNAUTHORIZED,
STINKPOT?

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THE DEATH EGG SAGA
BOOK ONE

SCRAMBLED
REUNION



OH, GEOFFREY!
SO MUCH HAS
HAPPENED AROUND
HERE, I DON'T EVEN
KNOW WHERE TO
BEGIN...

"THE EVIL IVO ROBOTNIK
MANAGED TO ROBOTICIZE
OUR PREMIER FREEDOM
FIGHTER INTO MECHA-SONIC!

"MOST OF KNOTHOLE WAS BURNED TO THE GROUND.
SONIC WAS COURT-MARTIALED, BUT EVENTUALLY
CLEARED OF ALL CHARGES. RECONSTRUCTION GOT
UNDER WAY.

"NOT LONG BEFORE THAT, A
VICIOUS EARTHQUAKE STRUCK
ROBOTROPOLIS DURING A RAID.
WE BARELY ESCAPED.

"AND ALL THIS BEFORE YOU, ME AND SONIC
RECOVERED MY FATHER KING ACORN FROM
THE ZONE OF SILENCE WHERE HE WAS
BEING HELD CAPTIVE!"

*A BRIEF RECAP OF EVENTS SPANNING STH ISSUES #36-41.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE KING'S CONDITION HAS GOTTEN WORSE. DR. QUACK WAS ABLE TO TEMPORARILY STABILIZE HIM BUT HE STILL REMEMBERS NOTHING! HE'S DIS-ORIENTED, DELUSIONAL AND STRANGEST OF ALL, HIS SKIN IS CRYSTALLIZING!

FOR THIS AND OTHER SECURITY REASONS, WE'VE NOT REVEALED HIS RETURN TO THE GENERAL POPULACE, WE CAN'T RISK PANIC. THAT'S WHERE YOU COME IN, GEOFFREY.



WE NEED YOU TO GUARD THE KING AND MAINTAIN THIS SECRET. WILL YOU RE-ASSUME YOUR POSITION AS ELITE ROYAL GUARD WHILE WE TRY TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH.



WITHOUT HESITATION, YOUR MAJESTY!



I SHALL POST MYSELF AT THE FRONT DOOR. NO ONE SHALL PASS, MY LIPS ARE SEALED.

COULD YOU SEAL OFF YOUR STENCH, TOO?

SONIC...



Oh, DEAH--
YOUR DADDY'S
LOOKIN' MIGHTY
POORLY.

YES, BUNNIE.
ISN'T THERE SOME-
THING YOU CAN DO,
ROTOR?

HARD TO SAY, KING
ACORN MUST HAVE ADJUSTED
TO THE RADICAL ATMOSPHERE
IN THE ZONE OF SILENCE,
NOW OUR AIR SEEMS TO BE
ADVERSELY AFFECTING
HIM.

IT SURE IS! LOOK
AT HIS SKIN... THE KING
LOOKS LIKE HE'S
TURNING INTO A CHAOS
EMERALD!

YOU KNOW-- THE
KIND WE USUALLY SEE
IN ZONES ALONG WITH
MAGIC RINGS.*

*THE SAME ZONES YOU ENTER
WHEN YOU PLAY SONIC ON
YOUR SEGA SYSTEM--Freddy

ALORS!

==GASPI==

Hmmmm--

WE SAW NO CHAOS
EMERALDS OR MAGIC
RINGS IN THE ZONE OF
SILENCE! I WONDER
WHY?



SWAP!





HOW ARE WE-ALL GONNA DO THAT? IT TAKES TIME TO SEARCH THOSE DANGEROUS ZONES AND COLLECT MAGIC RINGS! WE COULD WIND UP IN WORSE SHAPE THAN THE KING!

NOT NECESSARILY, BUNNIE. THERE ARE PLACES WHERE RINGS CAN BE OBTAINED WITHOUT ENTERING A ZONE...

GOSH, SALLY! DO YOU MEAN THE "LAKE OF RINGS"? LEGENDS SAY THOSE WATERS BUBBLE WITH MYSTICAL GOLD BANDS!



YES AND NO, TAILS, YOU'RE REFERRING TO THE POWER RING GROTTO BORDERING ROBOTROPOLIS --A PUTRID LITTLE POND WHERE SONIC AND KNUCKLES THE ENCHIDA TANGLED NOT TOO LONG AGO.*

BUT, THEIR EPIC BATTLE MAY HAVE PERMANENTLY SEALED THE GROTTO'S SUBTERRANEAN RING SOURCE--NO ONE KNOWS FOR SURE YET.

* IN SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES SPECIAL #1 --FREDRICK THE GREAT

HOWEVER, THE TRUE LAKE OF RINGS WAS ONLY RECENTLY DISCOVERED WHEN WE BATTLED ROBOTNIK'S COMBOTS DEEP IN THE GREAT FOREST.*

THE HIDDEN POND THAT SONIC DOVE INTO JUST BEFORE HE TEMPORARILY LOST HIS SUPER-SPEED POWERS WAS THE ONE THE LEGENDS SPEAK OF! BOTH AREAS MUST BE INVESTIGATED!

* IN STH#38.--JF

I'M DIVIDING US INTO THREE GROUPS. ANTOINE AND BUNNIE WILL HEAD FOR THE LAKE OF RINGS IN THE FOREST.

SHO! NUFF!

SONIC AND TAILS WILL EXPLORE THE RING GROTTO NEAR ROBOTROPOLIS.

RIGHTY-O!

YES, MA'AM!

ROTOR AND I WILL STAY HERE AND TRY TO KEEP THE KING COMFORTABLE.

MOVE OUT, FREEDOM FIGHTERS-- THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT EVIL ROBOTNIK IS UP TO!

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BOOK ONE

SCRAMBLED & FLOPPY

PART 2

AT THAT
MOMENT...

SNIVELY! THE TIME HAS
COME FOR ME TO ASCEND!
I'M TURNING OVER THE RE-
BUILDING OF ROBOTROPOLIS
TO YOU...MAKE IT SO!

YES, YOUR
CORPULENCE!

HANGEL
RAY-18

BUT ARE
THEY READY
FOR YOU UP
ABOVE?

INDEED THEY ARE.
OBSERVE--WE'RE RIGHT
ON SCHEDULE. I WANT TO
BE THERE WHEN IT BECOMES
OPERATIONAL.

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WHEN WE RETREATED UP THERE DURING THE RECENT MOBIAN EARTHQUAKE, THEY WERE A LITTLE BEHIND--

--BUT I KICKED THOSE LITTLE BEHINDS NOW THEY'RE BACK ON TRACK! LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YOU, SNIVELY!

YES, MY LORD OF LARD.

YOU'RE IN CHARGE--DON'T LET IT GO TO YOUR HEAD!

FWPOOSH!

CHUCKLE AT LAST!

OKAY, SWATBOTS--STOP RECONSTRUCTION AND START WAITING ON ME HAND AND FOOT! I WANT A HOT BATH, MANICURE, MASSAGE AND BON-BONS IN BED!

ALSO, DESIGN ME A SHINY NEW UNIFORM AND CHANGE THE SIGNS TO SAY "SNIVOPOLIS",,

SHOULDN'T HE BE SENDING US ON PERIMETER PATROL TO DETECT INTRUDERS?

?

11.

"INTRUDERS LIKE
THAT INFERNAL
HEDGEHOG
NAMED--"

SONIC! WE'RE ON THE
OUTSKIRTS OF ROBOTROPOLIS
...SHOULDN'T WE BE APPROACHING
THE POWER RING GROTTO?

TEN-FOUR,
LITTLE BUDDY!
BUT REMEMBER
WHAT SALLY
SAID--

AFTER I BECAME SUPER
SONIC AND BATTLED HYPER
KNUCKLES AROUND HERE,
THIS AREA WAS FOREVER
CHANGED. ROTOR DOESN'T
HAVE ANY CURRENT
DATA.

THAT'S BECAUSE THE
RECENT MULTIPLE BOMBINGS
OF ROBOTROPOLIS REDUCED
OUR REMOTE CAMERA TO
SLAG--SEE?

SHOOM

SO, WE'D
BETTER BE
PREPARED FOR
ANYTHING!

YOU CAN SAY
THAT A-- GOSH!
I WASN'T PREPARED
FOR THIS!

THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF
THE GROTTO HAS BEEN SEALED
UNDERNEATH A DOME OF
IMPENETRABLE STEEL!

HOLY PEPPERONI!
WHEN AND HOW DID
THIS HAPPEN?

I DON'T KNOW,
Hmmm-- BUT I DO
KNOW SOMEONE
WHO MIGHT--

JUST WEST OF HERE, IN
THE MOBIAN CLIFFS, LIVES A
COLONY OF AIRBORNE FREE-
DOM FIGHTERS. THEIR LEADER
IS A BIG BRUISER OF A BIRD
NAMED CARL CONDOR.

WHY DON'T I WAIT
HERE AND KEEP AN EYE
ON THE DOME WHILE
YOU CONTACT HIM?

YOU TOOK THE
WORDS RIGHT OUT
OF MY MOUTH! I'LL BE
BACK IN A **FLASH**...
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BOOK ONE

SCRAMBLED
& UNWRITTEN

PART 3

MEANWHILE...

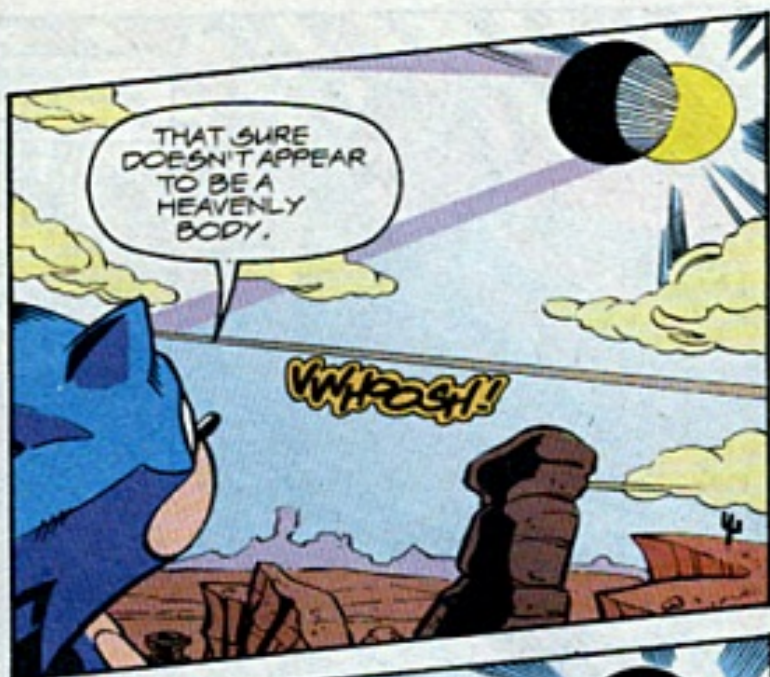
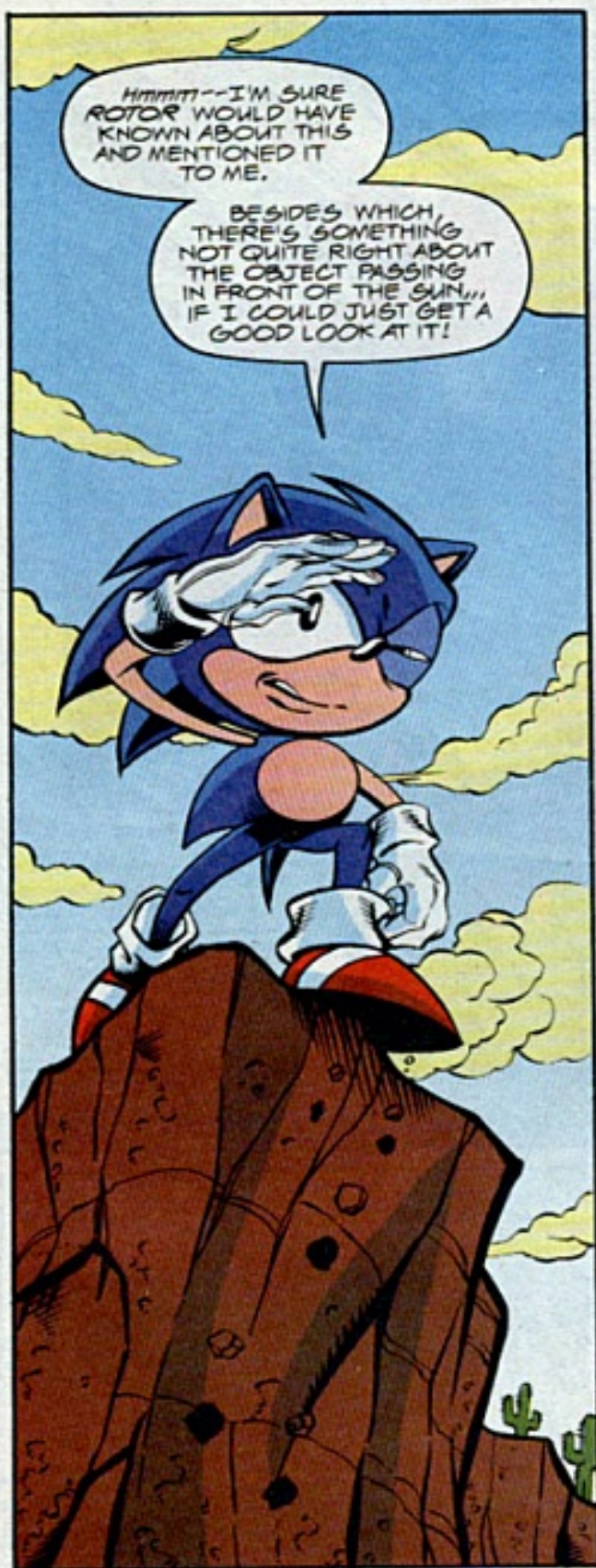
I OUGHT TO BE ABLE
TO SPOT CARL CONDOR
FROM THIS OUTCROPPING...
UNLESS OL' EAGLE EYES
SPOTS ME FIRST!


HELLO!

SCREEECH!

HELLO
HELLO
HELLO

OWW--WHAT'S
WITH THE SUN? I
DIDN'T KNOW WE
WERE DUE FOR
A SOLAR
ECLIPSE!





KIYAAA!
YOU'RE DOOMED
HEDGEHOG!

VVHOOOSH!

WHAT THE--?!
IT'S CARL CONDOR...
BUT HE'S BEEN
ROBOTICIZED!

OUT OF HIS ELEMENT
AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED
FROM SQUINTING AT THE
SUN, THE BATTLE ENDS
QUICKLY...

WHILE UP ABOVE,
THE UNKNOWN
OBJECT MOVING
ACROSS THE SKY
ALMOST SEEMS TO
BE WATCHING!

APPARENTLY,
IT LIKES WHAT
IT SEES...

A LIFELESS SONIC
BEING BORNE ALOFT
IN THE MECHANICAL TALONS
OF CARL CONDOR!

AT THAT
MOMENT:

EXCELLENT! YOU OPERATED
THE INTAKE TUBE QUITE WELL,
SWATBOT. IT DRAINED THE
GROTTO OF IT'S REMAINING
MAGIC RINGS--

--MORE THAN
ENOUGH TO INITIATE
"OPERATION
OPERATIONAL!"

THANK YOU,
GROUND ROUND
ONE.

BUT WHAT IS THIS?
YOU FAILED TO DIS-
CONTINUE INGESTION
AFTER REMOVING
IT FROM THE WATER!
AS A RESULT, SEVERAL
TONS OF DEBRIS WERE
TAKEN ABOARD THIS
VESSEL!

THIS EXCESS
WEIGHT AND THE
TIME IT WILL TAKE
TO SEPARATE IT
FROM THE RINGS
WILL DELAY MY
SCHEDULE!

WUP! I ONLY
MEANT TO BE
THOROUGH!

YOU'RE NOT
THOROUGH--
YOU'RE
THROUGH!

KTANG!

DOWN THE
GARBAGE CHUTE
YOU GO-- JOIN
THE REST OF
THE TRASH!

A comic book panel showing Dr. Robotnik in his lair. He is a large, round, red character with a yellow '8' on his chest, wearing a red cape and blue gloves. He is standing on a blue platform, looking down with a menacing grin. In the background, there are blue mechanical structures and a large red circular opening. A speech bubble from him says, "BAH! I DON'T NEED ANY MINDLESS MECHANICAL MINION TO ASSIST ME! THIS PEN-ULTIMATE MOMENT BELONGS TO IVO ROBOTNIK ALONE!". Below him, a smaller, more detailed view of his face and upper body is shown, with a speech bubble saying, "THE COUNT-DOWN TO MY FINAL VICTORY HAS BEGUN!". To the right, another speech bubble says, "SOON, EVERY LIVING THING ON PLANET MOBIUS WILL BE ROBOTICIZED!". At the bottom, a large speech bubble says, "AND I SHALL WATCH EVERY DASTARDLY DELICIOUS MOMENT FROM UP HERE---PERCHED HIGH ABOVE THE DOOMED WORLD IN THIS, MY ULTIMATE WEAPON OF DESTRUCTION...". The page number "20" is in the bottom right corner.

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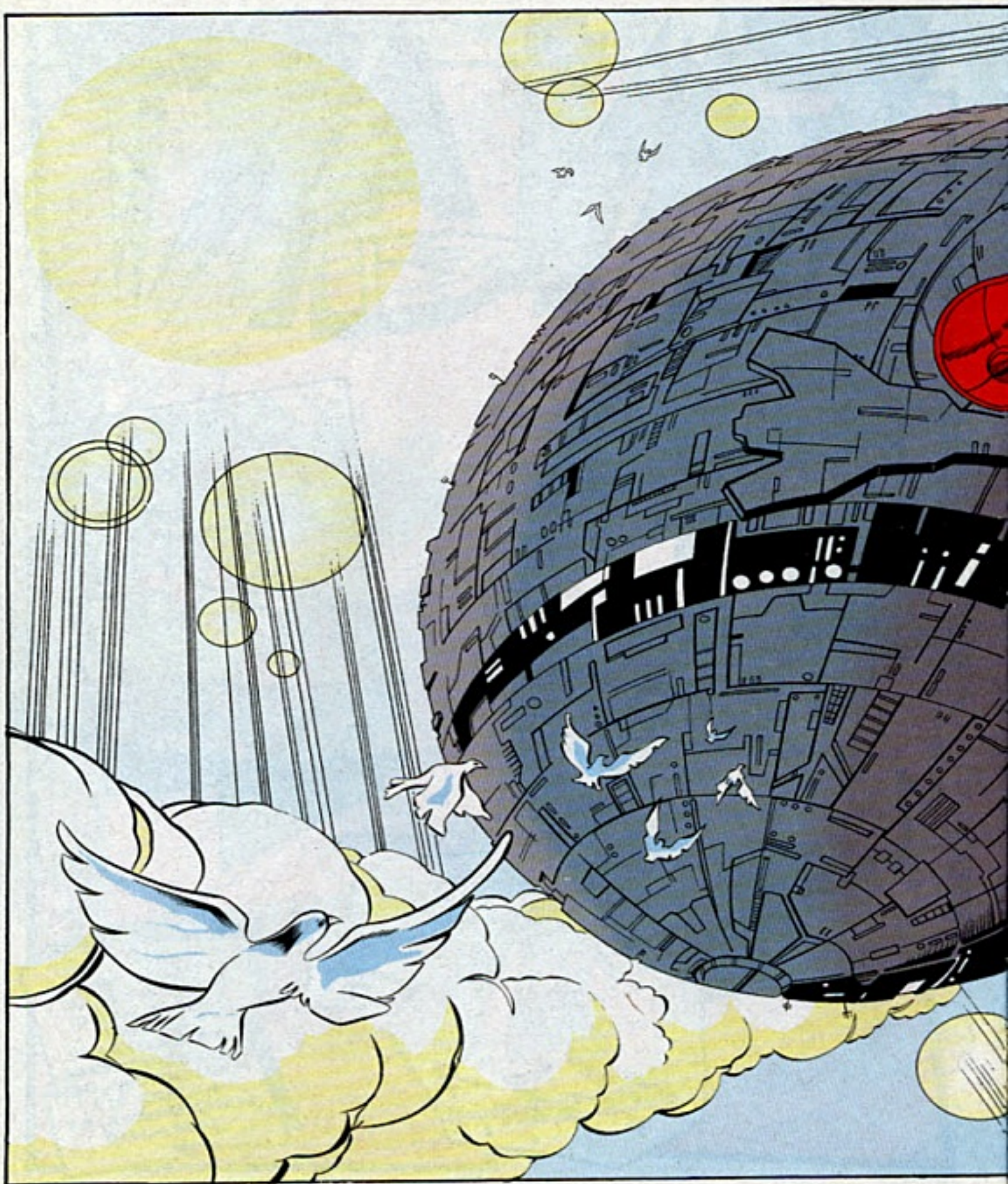
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